

**Women's Home, Mysore.****READ—**

Government Order No. E. 3513-21—Edn. 257-21-10, dated 27th November 1922, directing, among other matters, that the Widows' Home, Mysore, be reorganised into a Vocational Institute for women.

2. Letter No. H. C. 476—20-21, dated 2nd December 1924, from the Inspector-General of Education, submitting proposals for the reorganisation of the Widows' Home into a Vocational Institute as called for in the order read above.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. H. C. 476 20 21, dated 2nd December 1924, from the same officer on the subject.

ORDER NO. E. 5170-86—EDN. 178-23-8, DATED 20TH FEBRUARY 1925.

In their order dated 27th November 1922 read above, Government observed that sufficient facilities do not at present exist for the education of adult women with special vocational training and directed that the Widows' Home, Mysore, be reorganised into a Vocational Institute for women on the following basis:—

- (1) That the institution be open to women of all communities including widows who may choose to follow a vocational course.
- (2) That a Boarding Home be attached to the institution under the supervision of a lady warden, provision being made therein for not more than 30 free boarders as well as for paying boarders.
- (3) That day scholars may also be admitted for the vocational classes.
- (4) That the institution be under the administrative control of the Inspector-General of Education and be managed by a mixed Committee of ladies and gentlemen.

It was also laid down that the present grant of Rs. 2,400 per annum will be continued to the Institution in addition to two-thirds of the income from the Devaraja Bahadur Charity Fund, viz., Rs. 1,666-10-8 and that the lumpsum allotment of Rs. 2,000 provided for vocational scholarships to women under the scheme of women's scholarship may also be utilised towards the additional expenditure involved in giving effect to the reorganisation.

2. The Inspector General of Education who was requested to work out further details on the foregoing lines has submitted proposals in consultation with the Maharani's High School Committee, the main features of which are as follows:—

(i) The reorganised institution may continue to be called the "Women's Home", Mysore, and be placed under the general management of a separate Committee consisting of 17 members, subject to the general administrative control of the Inspector-General.

(ii) The number of women to be admitted as free boarders may for the present, be fixed as 25. Subject to there being accommodation, the Managing Committee may be authorised to admit as paying boarders, women who otherwise are eligible for admission into the institution. The Committee may also be authorised to admit women as day scholars to the vocational classes in the institution.

(iii) Arrangements may be made for imparting instruction in the following vocational courses utilising for the purpose the resources available in the Mysore City as indicated below:—

(a) Teaching	...	Maharani's High School, Mysore (Training Section).
(b) Midwifery	..	Vani Vilas Hospital, Mysore.
(c) Sick-nursing	...	Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore and Vani Vilas Hospital, Mysore.
(d) Batten Work	..	Maharani's High School, Mysore.
(e) Tailoring	..	In Women's Home
(f) Knitting and Embroidery	..	Do
(g) Weaving and Silk twisting and other operations subsidiary to weaving.	..	Do

3. Government are pleased to accept the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education subject to the modification that the Director of Industries and Commerce may also be included as a member of the Managing Committee. The Committee will consist of the following members who will hold office for a period of three years:—

1. The Inspector-General of Education (President).
2. The Director of Industries and Commerce.
3. Sri K. D. Rukminiamma, B.A.
4. The President, City Municipal Council, Mysore.
5. Sri Sriranganama, B.A.
6. The Lady Medical Officer, Vani Vilas Hospital, Mysore.
7. Sri H. Subbamma, B.A.
8. Mr. H. B. Krishnamurthy, B.A. (Secretary).
9. Mr. K. Sanjivachetty, B.A.
10. „ N. S. Subba Rao, M.A., Bar at Law.
11. „ A. Subrahmanyam Iyer, B.A.
12. „ B. Subba Rao, I.C.W. (Vice-President).
13. „ T. N. Ali Khan.
14. Lokahitaisi Mr. H. Nanjundaraj Urs.
15. Mrs. Rollo.
16. Mr. T. S. Siddappa, retired Assistant Surgeon.

4. The admission to the Free Boarding Section will be restricted to Mysoreans by birth or domicile but outsiders, if any, may be admitted to the paying section. A set of rules regarding admission of candidates, etc., as approved by Government is appended (Appendix A).

5. As the financial resources of the Home do not permit the employment of a full-time Warden, as contemplated in the Government Order read above, the Inspector-General has proposed that the woman Store-keeper may also be the resident Matron and that the Head Mistress of the Maharani's High School may continue as at present to be the Superintendent of the Home and be responsible for its internal management. Government agree with the Inspector-General of Education and accept the proposal.

6. The recurring expenditure of the reorganised institute as detailed in (Appendix B) will be met from the sources indicated in para 1, and the non-recurring charges aggregating to Rs. 354 from the savings effected in the funds of the institution. The allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem sanctioned to the Head Mistress of the Maharani's High School for being in charge of the Women's Home will also be continued, the Government grant to the institution being increased to this extent.

7. The Inspector General of Education is requested to give effect to the reorganisation of the Institution as early as possible and submit a report for the information of Government at the end of one year, on the working of the reorganised Institution.

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#### APPENDIX A.

##### RULES OF ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES TO THE WOMEN'S HOME, MYSORE.

1. The Women's Home, Mysore, shall be open to women of all communities.
2. The Home shall be open to married women and widows only. Unmarried girls shall not ordinarily be admitted except under very special circumstances.
3. The admission to the free boarding section will be restricted to Mysoreans by birth or domicile but outsiders, if any, may be admitted to the paying section.
4. The age of admission will be fixed at between 10 to 20, but in special cases persons up to 25 years of age may be admitted.
5. Women admitted as free boarders into the Home shall not be entitled to any kind of scholarships. Poverty and good behavior shall be essential conditions for admission of women into the institution as free boarders.
6. The Committee of management should settle admissions after due notice of number of seats available, including those open to paying boarders has been published in the local newspapers and after making suitable enquiries in the places where the applicants come from and should maintain a register of all the applications received.
7. Every inmate of the Home whether she be a paying boarder or a free boarder shall take up one of the prescribed vocational courses and shall be bound to observe the rules for the internal management which the Committee may prescribe from time to time.
8. B.—In the case of women who have already been admitted into the Home and who are preparing for general examinations, i.e., Lower Secondary or Secondary, School Leaving Certificate, this rule shall be waived till they complete the Lower Secondary or Secondary School Leaving Certificate course or have an opportunity of doing so.